

October 29, 2009

VIA E-MAIL - RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

09V-426
(2 Pages)

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Champion Bus
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Champion has been notified by Carrier concerning a safety defect present in K410 Condenser Assemblies Manufactured between May 2008 and September 2009. Carrier has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 09E - 055 to the Carrier recall campaign

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain buses manufactured by Champion were built with Carrier Condenser Assemblies that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, Carrier has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective K410 Condenser Assemblies. Champion will provide Carrier with a list of dealers and owners to assist Carrier in remedying the defect. Carrier will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The K410 Condenser Assemblies supplied by Carrier have been used on the following buses:

<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Challenger	2009
Defender	2009
Crusader	2009
EZ Trans	2010

The total number of buses subject to this recall campaign is 6. These buses were manufactured between May 2009 and September 2009

- B. Description of Defect. These K410 Units may have inadequate electrical current protection. One or more of the fans may fail causing overheating of the fan's wires. Overheating of the condenser unit could result in a fire causing property damage, personal injury or death.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Champion was informed by Carrier via letter of the safety defect on September 28, 2009.

- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Carrier in connection with recall campaign 09E-055, Carrier developed its retrofit to address the root cause of the lack of over-current protection. The remedy consists of the installation of an additional 15amp inline fuse in each of three fan's circuits that would open the circuit in the event a fan's malfunction results in an over current condition. The owners of the buses subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Champion or Carrier in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed. Champion has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner and Dealer Notifications. Champion will provide Carrier a list of the owner's and dealers affected by this recall and assist Carrier in contacting them. A copy of owner's letter is attached for your approval.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Carrier will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 09E-055. Because the information included by Carrier in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Champion buses subject to this recall campaign, Champion will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- G. Campaign Number. Champion does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Champion will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Champion with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Champion in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363 or Champion at 810-724-6474.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager